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Dear Ms. Woods:

I'd like to take this opportunity to express Bank of America's support for the Southern Nevada Water Authority's applications for rights-of-way and the Bureau of Land Management's proposed action as the preferred alternative for the Groundwater Development Project.

As it is currently written, the Draft Environment Impact Statement for the SNWA's project fails to include any kind of analysis of the potential negative ramifications for Clark County if the project is not allowed to go forward. This is unfortunate and does a great disservice to the important role Southern Nevada plays in our state's economic well-being.

Southern Nevada is the engine that drives the state's economy. For the economy of Southern Nevada – and in turn, for all of Nevada – to recover and be given the opportunity to once again thrive, we need access to sufficient and reliable water resources as both a barrier from the drought, and as a tool to foster future economic growth and development.

Therefore, I endorse the SNWA's plans to develop utilize water resources from all six basins in eastern Nevada.

Sincerely,

George W. Smith
President, Bank of America Nevada